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Applicant: Thompson :
Serial No.: 10/064,244 :
Filed: June 25, 2002 :
For: PIPE CONNECTING ASSEMBLY :
AND METHOD OF USE :

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is:
- Amendment After Final Office Action (37 C.F.R. § 1.116), (8 pgs.), in response to Office Action dated August 15, 2003 and made final.
Amendment Transmittal Form (3 pgs.), in duplicate

STATUS

2. Applicant is
- ___ a small entity. A verified statement:
___ is attached.
___ was already filed.
X other than a small entity.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136

(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1-5) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
<u> </u> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<u> </u> two months	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
<u> </u> three months	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
<u> </u> four months	\$ 1,480.00	\$ 740.00

Fee: \$

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

 An extension of months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$.

OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	OR ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL	MINUS	*	=	x \$9 = \$
INDEP.	MINUS	**	=	x \$43 = \$
___ FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			+ \$145 = \$	+ \$290 = \$
			TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$	or TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$

- (c)
- ☒
- No additional fee for Claims is required.

OR

- (d) ___ Total additional fee for claims required \$ _____

FEE PAYMENT

5. ___ Attached is a check in the sum of \$ _____.

___ Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$ _____
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.**FEE DEFICIENCY**

- 6.
- ☒
- If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

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